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SUBJECT:VISIT OF NELSON C. JACKSON OF USS

1. NELSON C. JACKSON A PRIVATE CONSULTANT AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE UNITED SEAMAN'S SERVICE (USS) PLANS VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS ON USS BUSINESS. MR. JACKSON PLANS TO REVIEW THE SITUATION IN NIGERIA, KENYA AND SUDAN, INCLUDING VISITS TO MOMBASA AND PORT SUDAN, TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A USS FACILITY IN THE MAIN PORT OR PORTS OF THESE COUNTRIES. SCHEDULE AND ASSISTANCE DESIRED OF POSTS DISCUSSED IN PARA BELOW.

2. BACKGROUND: USS ESTABLISHED IN 1942 AS A NON-GOVERNMENTAL, NON-SECTERIAN INTERNATIONAL ORG. TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES TO ALL SEAMEN IN USS
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FACILITIES. SOME CURRENT OPERATIONS ARE IN GENOA , NAPLES, CASABLANCA, AND PERSIAN GULF. EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES ARE COOPERATING IN ESTABLISHING A USS OPERATION THERE. THESE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO POSTS IN PROVIDING WELFARE ASSISTANCE TO SEAMEN.

3. DESIRED POST ASSISTANCE: MR. JACKSON HAS MADE OWN TRAVEL

AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS. HE ACQUAINTED WITH NIGERIA AND

KENYA AND SOME INDIVIDUALS THERE, BUT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE
OF ACTION ADDRESSES IN ARRANGING MEETING WITH GOVT
OFFICIALS OR OTHER
IN MARITIME, LABOR, TRANSPORTATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES FIELDS WHO ARE COMPETENT IN THESE FIELDS
OR WHO WOULD HAVE A PROFESSIONAL INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING
AND SUPPORTING A USS FACILITY. POST SHOULD USE ITS BEST
JUDGEMENT IN MAKING TENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS FOR MR. JACKSON.
HE WILL VISIT POST PERSONALLY AFTER ARRIVAL TO GET POSTS'
VIEWS ON LOCAL SITUATION.

4. SCHEDULE: (A) LAGOS, APRIL 12-17, ARRIVE SWISSAIR FLT.
252 7:45 P.M. APRIL 12 STAYING AT HOTEL MAINLAND.
MR. JACKSON WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE GODFREY AMERCI, A LOCAL
BUSINESSMAN. (B) NAIROBI, APRIL 18-29- ARV. 7:25 A.M. -
ETHIOPIAN AIRWAYS, STAYING AT INTERCONTINENTAL. HE WOULD
ALSO LIKE TO SEE JIMMY VERGEE, P.O. BOX 47628 AND AIDA
GINDI, REGIONAL DIRECTOR UNICEF, PHOENIX HOUSE, NAIROBI.
HE PLANS TO VISIT MOMBASSA AND YOU SHOULD MAKE TENTATIVE
APPOINTMENTS THERE FOR MID VISIT. (C) KHARTOUM, APRIL 29-
MAY 6-ARV. 7:55 P.M. VIA SUDAN AIRWAYS, STAYING AT MERIDIAN
HOTEL. HE ALSO PLANS VISIT PORT SUDAN. EMBASSY SHOULD
MAKE TENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS THERE FOR MID VISIT.(D)
MR. JACKSON PLANS VISIT CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA MAY 6-16 AND
DISCUSS PROGRAM IN EGYPT WITH MARGARET DRAPER OF USS. NO
EMBASSY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

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5. POST'S ASSISTANCE WILL BE APPRECIATED. WE REALIZE THERE
VERY SHORT LEAD TIME, BUT INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE
SOONER.
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